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Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

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Cooperative Graduate Programs

School of Arts & Sciences • School of Education

Bachelor of General Studies

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
Invocation	Dr. Kip Heth Professor, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Julio S. León President, Missouri Southern State University
Remarks	Dr. Julio S. León
Presentation of Graduate Class	Dr. Richard J. McCallum Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Michael Nietzel President, Missouri State University Dr. Julio S. León
Master's Hooding	Dr. Frank Einhellig Associate Provost, Dean of the Graduate College, Missouri State University
Alma Mater - Missouri Southern State University & Missouri State University	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Presentation of Baccalaureate Degrees

Presentation of Class	Dr. Richard J. McCallum
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Julio S. León

Presentation of Diplomas

Congratulatory Remarks	Dr. William Huffman President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University
Announcement of Academic Honors	Dr. Richard J. McCallum
MSSU Alma Mater (page 17)	Stephanie Gilmore Orchestration Arranged by Nicholas Gilmore, Senior Music Education Major Music Performance-Vocal, Class of 2007 Shannon Martinous Music Performance-Vocal, Class of 2007
Benediction	Dr. Kip Heth
Recessional "Sine Nomine"	R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
Sign Language Interpreter	Sharlene Williams

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones.



Missouri Southern State University
Commencement Speaker
President

Julio S. León



ULIO S. LEÓN marks his 25th year as president of Missouri Southern State University in 2007. His tenure represents one of the longest University presidencies in the nation. This year also marks the 38th year of Dr. León's service to Missouri Southern.

Dr. León became interim President in July 1982 and on December 16, 1982, he was named the third president in the University's history as a four-year institution.

His steady leadership and expansive vision have propelled the University and its pursuit of excellence into the 21st Century.

Growth of the University has occurred on a multitude of fronts during his two and a half decades of leadership, including student enrollment, curriculum development, faculty enrichment, institutional stature, and facility enhancements. Excellence in the classroom has been and is his first priority.

In 1969, when Dr. León arrived on Missouri Southern's campus as an assistant professor of business administration, the University awarded 350 degrees; today nearly 800 students earn diplomas each year. In 1973 he became an associate professor and in 1976 a full professor and Dean of the School of Business Administration.

In addition to enrollment growth, he also has presided over dramatic physical expansion of the campus. The square footage of building space added since 1982 is equal to almost 10 football fields. In 1969 eight major facilities were in use; today there are more than 30. Some of his most significant accomplishments include:

- Obtaining University status in 2003, which also allowed MSSU to offer cooperative master's degree programs;
- Creating a model Honors Program in 1984;
- Collaborating to improve preparation of college-bound students;
- Leading a national effort to increase understanding of economics by requiring all students to take a course on the American economic system;
- Instituting mandatory assessment of learning for all graduates, one of the first institutions in the nation to do so;
- Shaping a nationally recognized and award-winning International Mission adopted in 1990 and supported by the Missouri legislature;
- Creating in 1999 the Division of Lifelong Learning to develop distance learning opportunities for place-bound students and global competitiveness. Today, more than 1,700 students (nontraditional students, single parents, working adults, regular college students, and international students) benefit from online courses and degrees;
- Presiding over a 30 percent increase in enrollment;
- Directing more than \$62 million in construction and improvements providing state-of-the-art facilities for students and faculty and creating hundreds of jobs in the public and private sectors;

In 1993, Dr. and Mrs. León were honored with the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizens award. He has served in leadership roles on numerous national boards, including the Boards of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (IOHE), and the American Council on Education (ACE). In 2001, Dr. León was chairman of the board of AASCU.

His wife, Mrs. Vivian León, is director of the world-renowned Missouri Southern International Piano Competition.



Cooperative Graduate Programs



Missouri Southern State University/Missouri State University Master of Arts in Teaching

Chase, Trevor
Education
Carl Junction

Dawson, Sarah
Education
Webb City

Schreiner, Nicki
Education
Neosho

Cosby, Elizabeth
Education
Pittsburg KS

Farley, Lucas Corey *
Education
Granby

*M*issouri Southern State University's forty-eighth commencement ceremony marks another historic moment for the institution. The first graduates of the cooperative Master of Arts in Teaching program receive their diplomas during the spring 2007 ceremony. This milestone was possible when MSSU and Missouri State University collaborated to combine their resources and expand higher education opportunities in Southwest Missouri and the Four-States region.

The two institutions united their efforts to deliver the programs with traditional classroom teaching and state-of-the-art distance learning tools using faculty from both universities.

The spring 2007 commencement ceremony marks the second class of master's graduates at Missouri Southern. In spring 2006, the university saw students in the cooperative master's program with Northwest Missouri State University receive diplomas in Early Childhood Education and Instructional Technology.

Effective August 2003, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation giving Missouri Southern State University the opportunity to offer joint graduate programs in cooperation with other public four-year institutions in the State of Missouri (RSMo 173.005). The legislative effort was lead by Sen. Gary Nodler in the Senate and Rep. Bryan Stevenson in the House. Others lending their support included Southwest Missouri legislators Steve Hunter, Ron Richard, Kevin Wilson and Marilyn Ruestman. The legislation was signed into law by Gov. Bob Holden.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education oversees implementation of the cooperative programs to ensure the most efficient use of state resources and the highest quality of advanced educational opportunities.

During the ceremony, the presentation of the academic hood to master's degree recipients represents a compelling, highly symbolic moment in both the candidates' lives and in the commencement ceremony. The hooding ceremony for the cooperative graduate programs at MSSU signifies a scholarly and personal achievement. Colors of the hoods were carefully selected to represent both institutions and the corresponding fields of study. Graduates also wear an academic shawl with the seals of the two universities represented to signify the spirit of cooperation and collaboration between the faculties and administrations of the institutions.

The names of both universities appear on the graduates' diplomas. The significance and symbolism of academic regalia appear on page 15.

In addition to partnerships with Missouri State University and Northwest Missouri State University, Missouri Southern is pursuing similar collaborative programs with the University of Missouri – Kansas City for advanced degrees in nursing and dental hygiene, and Southeast Missouri State University for a master's program in criminal justice. MSSU will continue to develop these and other programs in order to fulfill its mission and to meet the needs of the growing population and economy of the region.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Beckett, Jr., Larry Russell ‡
Bellairs, Amy Lyn
Bergen, Stephenie Rhema ‡
Buchholz, Katrina Rashell ‡
Gfeller, Erin Rae ‡ †
Hackett, Holly Raye
Hatfield, Greg Allen ‡

Herford, Elissa Ann ‡
Hilburn, Elizabeth Jeanne †
Hollingshead, Jeffrey David* ‡
Holt, Melanie Janelle †
Imanda, Silvia ‡
Knoderer, Carissa Rachel Angel
Lee, Anthony Wayne

Marti, Nicole Rachelle
Meyer, Michael Steven ‡ †
Oldfather, Diane R.
Shaffer, Kristin L. ‡
Smith, Robert Carter. ‡ †
Stephens, Amanda Renee
Stratton, Adam Dean ‡ †

Thomas, Joshua Gregory ‡
Thompson, Andrew Ryan ‡
Valentine, Eric Lee †
Vassilev, Alexandar V. ‡ †
Waggoner, Tara Elaine
Wallace, Sarah Nicole ‡ †
Wallain, Amy Rebekah ‡

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Bowden, Yvette Michelle †
Compton, Christina Jo
Corbin, Cindy Lyn
Davis, Brandi Jeanne
Devine, Christal Cherie
England, Stacie Lorena
Estes, Janna Michelle

Gaydusek, Warren Eugene
Gilmore, Stephanie L. †
Goshert, Hannah Ruth
Hall, Stacy Rene
Hames, Amy L.
Hilburn, Brandon Gale †

House, Megan M.
Hunter, Sheryl M.
Kelley, Conrad W. †
Lawrence, Matthew J. †
Reed, Ashley Ann
Reynolds, Elizabeth Ann

Simmons, Tara Renee
Skiles, Crystal Gayle
Wallain, Matthew Bryan
Wellbaum, Kristen Jade
Wicke, Luke Monell
Wicke, Tammy Marie
Winters, Megan Ann

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Anderson, Rebecca D.
Baldwin, James Thomas
Begey, Jason Michael
Bridges, Rebecca Mae
Cordova, Tracy M. *
Dunfield, Dustin Wayne
Ensor, Alice Christine

Frey, Chrystal D.
Garren, Melissa A.
Garrett, Nicole Lynne *
Hargrove, Katherine Lynn †
Haydal, Danielle Elizabeth †
Johnson, Maggie Magnolia
Lage, Jeanette R.

Lambert, John Benjamin
Lowrey, Richard Anthony
McCleary, Katarina
Suzanne Wilson
Millis, Cara Elizabeth
Moening, Cassandra Joy
Murdock, Khendra Delaine *

Roelfsema, Joshiah Andrew
Rucker, Steve Don
Sailor, Jeri Beth
Shrum, Randie Lauren*
Stogsdill, Jennifer Lynn *
Vorhees, Erin D'Nell *
Wood, Joy M.

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Fong, Mungyan

Kellenberger, Kayla Jo ‡ *

Lynch, Lucinda June

Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89

Goodman, Debbie Lynn *
Jones, Jr., Tom

Third Honors

Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.79

Craven, Jessica Jade *

Depreste, Charles Dean

Graves, Rachel D. *

Rayburn, Shawna Nichol

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Aldridge, Rebecca Elizabeth

English
Carthage

Begey, Jason Michael

Sociology
Neosho

Bergen, Stephenie Rhema ‡

English
Carthage

Brown, Cody Joe

English
Carterville

Cooper, Christopher Michael

Art
Springfield

Davis, Kelly Elizabeth

Communication
Neosho

DeBoutez, Alyson Nichole

Art
Nevada

Driskel, Lyddia Dawn

Communication
Joplin

Duff, Aaron A.B. *

English
Grain Valley

Dunfield, Dustin Wayne

History
Nevada

Dunn, Danielle Sue *

Communication
Sapulpa, OK

Ensor, Alice Christine

English
Joplin

Fairbanks, Bryan Keene

Art
Creighton

Gerbitz, Carrie Janet

Spanish
Joplin

Gilmore, Stephanie Harter †

Music
Joplin

Guilford, Krista Renee

Communication
Joplin

Hargrove, Katherine Lynn †

International Studies
Sherwood, AR

Haut, David William

Communication
Joplin

Heth, Gabrielle Little Bear

English
Carthage

Hildreth, Michael Patrick *

History
Carl Junction

Hollingshead, Jeffrey David ‡ *

English / German
Gideon

Horine, Benjamin Dean

Theatre
Independence

Hunsaker, Deborah S.

Art
Joplin

Hurley, Nathan †

French
Joplin

Jimenez, Emeli Vanessa

Political Science / Spanish
Neosho

Jones, Jennifer Leigh

Art
Carthage

Jones, Zachary Wayne

Communication
Joplin

Kaufmann, Anthony Joshua

English
Joplin

Kenney II, Roger Mac † *

French
Carthage

Kuehn, Birgit

German
Carthage

Kissel, Derek Shane

Political Science
Diamond

Klapp, Noelle Kristina

Spanish
Joplin

Kubicek, Nathan L.

English
Joplin

Lambert, John Benjamin

Spanish / History
Joplin

Leavens, Whitney Rose

Spanish
Joplin

Lee, Samantha Ellyn *

Communication
Springfield

Lentz, William Channing

English
Neosho

Liu, Michele Yan

International Studies
St. Joseph

Mallory, Alexis Michelle

Communication
Kansas City

Martinous, Shannon Elizabeth

Music
Joplin

Mehrer, Ashley Sherel

Communication
Kansas City

Melton, James S. *

History
Neosho

Millis, Cara Elizabeth

Political Science
Joplin

Mott, Joshua Levi

English
Joplin

Murdock, Khendra Delaine *

English
Joplin

Myers, Lauren Adair

Communication
Joplin

Oakes, Jacob Lee

Music
Neosho

Perkins, Jennifer R.

Spanish
Joplin

Petillo, Todd Owen *

Art
Bixby, OK

Poiry, Brandy Michelle

English
Joplin

Porter, Richard Allen

English
Liberal

Ragan, Jennifer Lynn

Art
Monett

Rose, Lynnae Elizabeth *

Communication
Joplin

Rucker, Steven Don

English
Joplin

Shindler, Linda F.

English
Frederick, MD

Slatton, David W.

Communication
Joplin

Smith, Michael Ryan *

International Studies
Kansas City

Smith, Robert Carter ‡ †

Communication
Joplin

Stark, Krista Lee

Communication
Webb City

Stogsdill, Jennifer Lynn *

Spanish
Granby

Stratton, Adam Dean ‡ †

English
Golden City

Thompson, Andrew Ryan ‡

Theatre
Independence

Warner, Anayansi Puertas

Spanish
Joplin

Watts, Rebecca Ann

Communication
Carthage

Wiles, Lydia S.

English
Lincoln, NE

Williams, Jr., Charles R.

English
Carl Junction

Zellmer, Catherine Marie

History
Carthage

Bachelor of Science

Aponte, Donna Maria

Biology
Joplin

Balk, Paula Kay

Sociology
Nevada

Barley, Julee Denise *

Biology
Joplin

Bass, Joidene Wilson *

Sociology
Lamar

Beckett, Larry R.

Biology
Joplin

Begey, Jason Michael

Sociology
Neosho

Bradley, Atiba Changa *

Mathematics
Bartlesville, OK

Brown, Robert Samuel

Mathematics
Seneca

Bushnell, Brianna N.

Biology
Webb City

Cain, Kimberly Kay

Biology
El Dorado Springs

Carter, Matthew A.

Biology
Waynesville

Cavener, Sara Ilene

Biology
Webb City

Collins, Mary K.

Environmental Health
Miami, OK

Conrad, Elizabeth Maxine *

Sociology
Joplin

Cooper, Tiffany M. *

Sociology
Miami, OK

Crane, Bradley Dustin

Sociology
Joplin

Crespino, Susan

Biology
Joplin

Doty, Jr., David Arthur

Biology
Neosho

Edwards, Nicholas James

Political Science
Joplin

Francisco, Jennifer Dawn

Biology
Anderson

Gliedt, Jordan Alan

Environmental Health
Rogers, AR

Goggins, Gerard James

Political Science
Webb City

Greninger, Nicole Diane

Biology
Joplin

Gust, Ryan Eugene

Biology
Joplin

Haydal, Danielle Elizabeth †

Biology
Billings, MT

Henness, David Ross

Biology
Joplin

Hilburn, Elizabeth J. †

Sociology
Joplin

Hurly, Sean Patrick *

Political Science
Joplin

Jones, Jennifer Elisha *

Political Science

Joplin

Knoderer, Carissa Rachel Angel

Biology

Joplin

Lowry, Kristopher C.

Sociology

Joplin

McAfee, Bradley James

Environmental Health

Carl Junction

McCown, Lindsay Elaine

Sociology

Springfield

McCullough, Rikki Dawn

Physics/Computational Mathematics

Duenweg

Michell, Cheryl Ann

Biology

Eldon

Moenning, Cassandra Joy

Biology

Norfolk, NE

Muse, Cori

Biology

Grove, OK

Norbury, Katie Aileen

Biology

Carthage

Palmer, Ryan Keith

Biology

Carthage

Plocher, Lucas Wayne

Biology

West Plains

Roelfsema, Josiah Andrew

Mathematics

Neosho

Salzer, Greg Thomas

Sociology

Joplin

Scorse Coates, Sera Emily

Biology

Joplin

Shrum, Randie Lauren *

Sociology

Carthage

Thorn, Jeremy Keith

Biology

Stotts City

Valentine, Eric Lee †

Biology

Lamar

Wallace, Jerad E.

Sociology

Neosho

Wicke, Luke Monell

Biology

Joplin

Wicke, Tammy Marie

Biology

Joplin

Wilson, Austin Loyd

Biology

Joplin

Wingert, Kristull LuAnn *

Biology

Nevada

Yokley, Douglas Ray

Sociology

Bronaugh

Yount, Steven Kyle

Biology

Joplin

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Meier, Jodi Lynn

Psychology

Noel

Snider, III, George Earl

Psychology

Joplin

Warden, Serenity Faith

Psychology

Appleton City

Bachelor of Science

Baldwin, Kelli D.

Psychology
Joplin

Bowen, Racheal Ann

Health Promotion and Wellness
Leavenworth, KS

Branham, Julie Ann *

Psychology
Neosho

Bremmerkamp, Erin Renee *

Health Promotion and Wellness
Webb City

Breshears, Stephanie Louise *

Health Promotion and Wellness
Milo

Burch, Justin Lee *

Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Callari, Joseph Robert

Psychology
Joplin

Carson, Hope K.

Psychology
Joplin

Cryderman, Brandon William

Psychology
Joplin

Fisher, Kristin N.

Psychology
Seneca

Frey, Chrystal D.

Psychology
Joplin

Hackett, Holly Raye

Psychology
Washburn

Harris, Matthew

Psychology
Joplin

Hester, Cynthia Deborah

Psychology
Washburn

Loveall, Peggy Lee

Psychology
Joplin

Masters, Patricia Jean

Health Promotion and Wellness
Rowlett, TX

Mayden, Kyle Robert *

Health Promotion and Wellness
Lockwood

McCarty, Leah Michelle

Psychology
Joplin

Melander, Airika Denise *

Health Promotion and Wellness
Caney, KS

Needham, Richard David

Psychology
Anderson

Ohlhausen, Amanda Kaye

Psychology
Granby

Roberts, Richard Neil

Psychology
Joplin

Rolls, Meghan Christine

Health Promotion and Wellness
Caney, KS

Silvers, Scott Michael *

Psychology
Carthage

Simmons, Tara Renee

Health Promotion and Wellness
Howard, KS

Taylor II, John Charles *

Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Ward, Justin Lee *

Psychology
Goodman

Willey, Andrew D.

Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Bachelor of Science in Education

Armstrong, David Wayne

Social Science Education
Carthage

Barley, Rachel Ann

Art Education
Joplin

Barnicle, Amy Jo †

Mathematics Education
Springfield

Beck, Elizabeth Joy

Elementary Education
Joplin

Bellairs, Amy Lyn

Elementary Education
Joplin

Biesterveld, Hope Heleana

Social Science Education
Alba

Bowden, Yvette Michelle †

Mathematics Education
Galena

Braeckel, Bridget Lou

Elementary Education
Joplin

Bridgeford, Laura Lynn

Elementary Education
Seneca

Brigham II, Steven Allen

Social Science Education
Webb City

Brower, Shannon M.

Elementary Education
Webb City

Brown, Jason Scott

Social Science Education
Joplin

Buck, Michelle LeeAnn

Elementary Education
Joplin

Campbell-Lage, Jeanette R.

Art Education
Carthage

Corbin, Cindy Lyn

Elementary Education
Schell City

Cunningham, Natalie M.

Business Education
Golden City

Dalbey-Hulstine, Amber Dawn
Elementary Education
Webb City

Davis, Brandi Jeanne
Elementary Education
Joplin

Dawson, Rachael Leann
Elementary Education
Sarcoxie

De Priest, Rebecca J.
Social Science Education
Seneca

Deatrick, Jessica Marie
Elementary Education
Rogersville

Devine, Christal Cherie
Music Education
Neosho

Drake, Deanna S.
Elementary Education
Neosho

Dunlap, Kimberly Dawn
Elementary Education
Joplin

Elliott, Susanne Marie
Elementary Education
Dewey, OK

Flaton, Ashley Nicole
Elementary Education
Parsons, KS

Friend, Laura Jean
Elementary Education
Joplin

Gaydusek, Warren Eugene
Mathematics Education
Centerton, AR

Gonzalez, Elizabeth Courtney
Elementary Education
Neosho

Goshert, Hannah Ruth
Elementary Education
Joplin

Graham, Angela Eve
Elementary Education
Neosho

Griswold, Melia Kei
Elementary Education
Miami, OK

Hall, Justin M.
Middle School Education
Carthage

Hames, Amy L.
Social Science Education
Nevada

Hatfield, Gregory A. ‡
Elementary Education
Aurora

Hendrick, Miranda Marie
Elementary Education
Webb City

Hobson, Brandon Ray
Social Science Education
Granby

Holt, Melanie Janelle †
Music Education
Webb City

House, Megan Marie
Mathematics Education
Blue Springs

Hurst-Compton, Christina Jo
Elementary Education
Nevada

Johnson, Maggie Magnolia
Middle School Education
Joplin

Jones, Kimberly D.
Elementary Education
El Dorado Springs

Klund, Michelle Rene
Elementary Education
St. Louis

Manga, Moses K.
Physical Education
Winfield, KS

Marti, Nicole Rachelle
Elementary Education
Lamar

McNabb-Wiltgen, Kelly Rena *
Elementary Education
Washburn

Moore, David Edwin
English Education
Anderson

Morgan, Gina Marie
Elementary Education
Carthage

Myers, David L. *
Physical Education
Seneca

Neugebauer, Brian Donald
Middle School Education
Louisville, CO

O'Bryan, Linda L.
Elementary Education
Diamond

Ott, Noelle Lian
Elementary Education
Jay, OK

Palmer, Elyse A.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Parker, Britney Rachelle
Music Education
Webb City

Potter, Willis Elwood
Industrial Technology Education
British Virgin Islands
Webb City

Powell, Grace
Elementary Education
Carterville

Poznich, Kayla Joann
English Education
Joplin

Replogle, Jason Lemoine
Physical Education
Washington

Reynolds, Elizabeth Ann
Elementary Education
Joplin

Rushing, William Kyler
Mathematics Education
Sarcoxie

Sailor, Jerilyn Beth
Physical Education
Carthage

Shaffer, Kristin Lynn ‡
Elementary Education
Bluejacket, OK

Skiles, Crystal Gayle
Middle School Education
Jefferson City

Smith, Janell Irene
Elementary Education
Southwest City

Stewart, Jennifer Nicole
Elementary Education
Joplin

Stumbo, Jason Michael
Physical Education
Broken Arrow, OK

Tanksley, Marybeth Irene
Elementary Education
Baxter Springs, KS

Throop, Amy LuAnn
Physical Education
Webb City

Trecker, Theresa Rose
Elementary Education
Exeter

Triplett, Bridget Olivia
Elementary Education
Carthage

Truelove, Jeremy Ray
Social Science Education
Joplin

Turner, Casey Elaine
Elementary Education
Mt. Vernon

Waggoner, Tara Elaine
Elementary Education
Carthage

Wallace, Sarah Nicole ‡ †
Mathematics Education / Spanish
Education
Branson

Wallace, Virginia Ann
Elementary Education / Middle School
Education
Webb City

Wallain, Amy Rebekah ‡
Elementary Education
Southwest City

Wallain, Matthew Bryan
Physical Education
Anderson

White, Audrey Jean
Elementary Education
Monett

Wilson McCleary, Katarina
Suzanne ‡
Art Education
Neosho

Worrall, Jason Allen
Elementary Education
Carthage

Wright, Ashley Michael
Elementary Education
Joplin

Bachelor of General Studies

Banks, Jr., Richard E.
General Studies
Joplin

Biesterveld, Hope Heleana
General Studies
Alba

Clark, Mark S.
General Studies
Joplin

Cupp, Caleb Andrew
General Studies
Carthage

Curci, Allison Anne
General Studies
Joplin

Deslatte, Aaron Marshall
General Studies
Tallahassee, FL

Dodd, Shawn Dee
General Studies
Webb City

Fields, Tierre Courtney
General Studies
Joplin

Gilbreth, Timothy Michael
General Studies
Columbia

Goddard, Earl Wayne
General Studies
Duenweg

Goggins, Galeen Louise
General Studies
Webb City

Halaapiapi, Fatai Lolohea *
General Studies
Richmond, KY

Harrington, Joelleen Ann
General Studies
Neosho

Harris, Karen Michelle *
General Studies
Grandview

Hass Cordova, Tracy Marie *
General Studies
Joplin

Horan, Arleen Denise
General Studies
Salem

Hudspeth, Valerie Elaine
General Studies
Lockwood

Jenison, Anita M.
General Studies
Carthage

Kritikos, Lynn Ann
General Studies
Jasper

Krtek, Shirley Faye
General Studies
Carthage

Lewis, Steven Edward
General Studies
Joplin

Loeber, Kim Marie
General Studies
Ava

Maina, Alfred W.
General Studies
Kenya
Joplin

Morang, Hiedi Ann
General Studies
Joplin

Myers, Il, David L. *
General Studies
Seneca

Oakes, Paula J.
General Studies
Neosho

Park, Alyssa Kay
General Studies
Chcotah, OK

Patterson, Jeffrey Marvin *
General Studies
Neosho

Potter, Willis Elwood
General Studies
British Virgin Islands
Webb City

Schierlman-Lyons, Teresa Lynn
General Studies
Fort Scott, KS

Schuster, Mark Robert
General Studies
Joplin

Shaw, Jennifer Lynne
General Studies
Webb City

Sparks, Larry Wayne
General Studies
Carthage

Stamper, Jason Christopher
General Studies
Joplin

Thrumman, Shayla Renee
General Studies
Webb City

Vorhees, Erin D'Nell *
General Studies
Joplin

Wallace, Daniel David
General Studies
Webb City

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in our ceremony are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown:	Fine Arts
Crimson:	Journalism
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Golden Yellow:	Science
Lemon Yellow:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Pink:	Music
Purple:	Law
Sage Green:	Physical Education
Scarlet:	Theology
White:	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow Brown:	Commerce, Business, Accountancy

Our Mission

*M*issouri Southern State University is a state-supported, comprehensive university offering programs leading to the bachelor's degree and selected master's degrees. Faithful to its original statutory charter, the University also offers continuing education courses and a number of two-year programs in technical and vocational areas for the benefit of the community.

The University's primary emphasis is the offering of a baccalaureate program that fosters the total education of each student. Central to that mission is a strong commitment to international education, to the liberal arts, to professional and preprofessional programs, and to the complementary relationship that must exist between liberal and professional education in order to prepare individuals for success in careers and lifelong learning.

Inherent in its international approach to undergraduate education is the University's desire to prepare its students to understand world affairs, international issues and other cultures as seen through their history, geography, language, literature, philosophy, economics and politics. Knowledge and understanding of other cultures of the world also promote better understanding of our own valuable cultural diversity.

Missouri Southern's commitment to the liberal arts is reflected in a comprehensive program of general education requirements for all students to ensure that they have a breadth of educational experiences which will enable them to develop communication and critical thinking skills and to acquire and apply aesthetic, contemporary, civic, international, historical, mathematical, scientific and value-oriented perspective.

The faculty and staff of Missouri Southern State University emphasize quality teaching and learning as the most important attributes of the University, complemented by scholarly and creative expression and dedicated community service. Community service involves responsiveness to the Southwest Missouri region as well as serving as the intellectual, creative and cultural center of the area.

In order to remain loyal to the trust given to the University by the people of the State of Missouri, Missouri Southern State University will:

- fulfill its mission and objectives in an honorable and ethical manner;
- periodically review its mission in light of contemporary changes in society and in the needs of the people of Missouri;
- continually assess the effectiveness of its programs in order to ensure their quality and integrity.

ALMA MATER

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Class of '39

Music by Emerson Jackson,
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.